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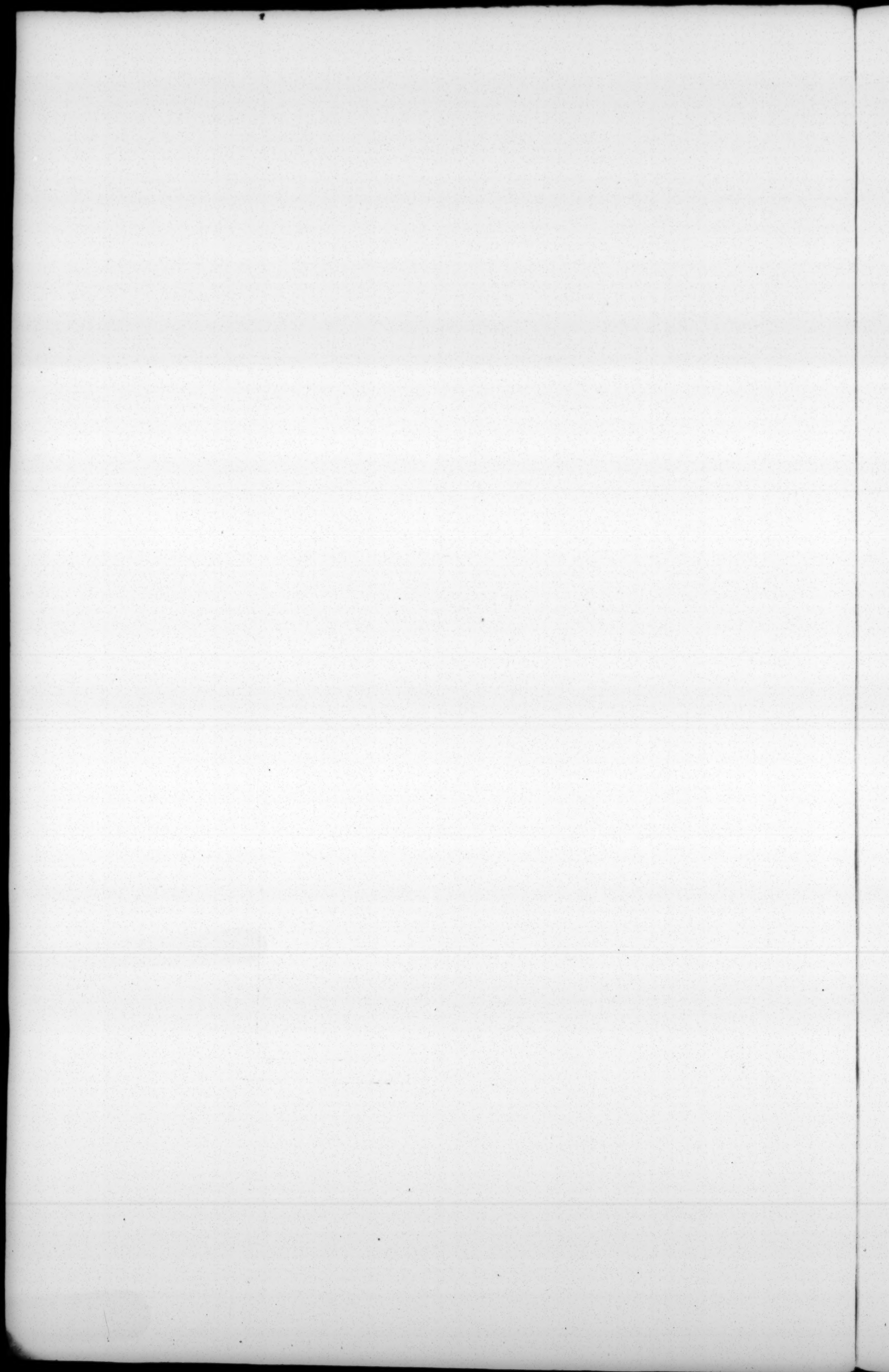
To both Houses of
PARLIAMENT,

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My Lords and Gentlemen,



H O' the last Sitting continued so long, that perhaps it might have been more Agreeable to you, in relation to your Private Concerns, not to have Met again so soon ; yet the Interest of the Publick lays an indispensable Obligation upon Me to Call you together at this time.

In your last Meeting you gave Me so many Testimonies of your Affection, as well as Confidence in Me, that I do not at all question, but in this I shall receive fresh Proofs of both.

I Esteem it one of the greatest Misfortunes can befall Me, that in the beginning of My Reign I am forced to ask such large Supplies, tho' I have this Satisfaction, that they are desired for no other Purposes, but the Carrying on those Wars into which I entered with your Advice, and Assurance of your Assistance ; nor can I doubt of the Blessing of God upon an Undertaking wherein I did not Engage out of a vain Ambition, but from the Necessity of Opposing those who have so visibly discovered their Designs of Destroying Our Religion and Liberties.

It is well known how far I have Exposed My Self to Rescue this Nation from the Dangers that threatned not

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only your Liberty, but the Protestant Religion in general, of which the Church of *England* is one of the greatest Supports, and for the Defence whereof, I am ready again to Venture my Life.

My Lords and Gentlemen.

That which I have to Ask of you at present is, That what you think fit to Give towards the Charges of the War for this next Year may be done without Delay : And there is one Reason which more particularly Obliges Me to press you to a speedy Determination in this Matter, because this next Month there is Appointed at the *Hague* a General Meeting of the Ministers of all the Princes and States concerned in this War against *France*, in order to Concert the Measures for the next Campagne ; and till I know your Intentions, I shall not only be uncertain My Self what Resolutions to take, but Our Allies will be under the same Doubts, unless they see Me Supported by your Assistance : Besides, if I know not in time what you will do, I cannot make such Provisions as will be Requisite, but shall be Exposed to the same Inconveniencies the next Year, which were the Cause that the Preparations for this were neither so Effectual, nor Expeditious as was Necessary : The Charge will also be considerably lessened by giving time to provide things in their proper Season, and without Confusion.

I have no other Aim in this, but to be in a Condition to Attack our Enemies in so Vigorous a manner, as by the Help of God in a little time may bring us to a Lasting and Honourable Peace ; by which My Subjects may be Freed from the Extraordinary Expences of a Lingring War : And that I can have no greater Satisfaction than in Contributing to their Ease, I hope I have already given Proof.

That you may be Satisfied how the Money has been Laid out which you have already given, I have directed the Accompts to be laid before you, whenever you think fit to call for them.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have one Thing more to Recommend to you, which is, the Dispatch of a Bill of Indemnity, that the Minds of My good Subjects being quieted, We may all Unanimously Concur to Promote the Welfare and Honour of the Kingdom.

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